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## **STATUS INQUIRY**

The above-captioned application, which is a national stage U.S. filing of PCT application PCT/US03/05127, was filed on August 20, 2004. In consulting our files, we have not received a Filing Receipt for the above-captioned application.

In recent phone conversations with Office personnel, they indicated that the application has been duly received and recorded in the Office records, but that initial processing of new U.S. national stage applications is taking 8-10 months. In light of this information, we request the Office to expeditiously prepare and send the Filing Receipt to Applicant. As well, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office quickly process this application and assign it to an Examiner

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so examination can begin by August 20, 2005, the one year date under which the Office is supposed to prepare an initial Office Action on the merits of the application.

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